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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF LIBYAN DESK OFFICER

1. MARGUERITE COOPER KING, COUNTRY OFFICER FOR LIBYA,
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FAMILIARIZATION AND CONSULTATION
TRIP TO ADDRESSEE POSTS FROM SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH OCTOBER
16. EMBASSIES CAIRO, TRIPOLI, TUNIS AND ALGIERS REQUESTED
PROVIDE MISSION BRIEFING AND OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS AS
APPROPRIATE. IF RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES CONCUR, PARIS AND
LONDON SHE WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE
LEVEL FCO AND MFA OFFICIALS FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK RE EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN SITUATION AND LONGER
RANGE PROBLEM OF LIBYAN DESTABILIZING INFLUENCE IN MIDDLE
EAST AND AFRICA.

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2. TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

SEPTEMBER 28 - LEAVE DULLES - 1825
SEPTEMBER 29 - ARRIVE CAIRO - 1635
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1 - CONSULTATIONS, CAIRO EMBASSY
OCTOBER 2 - LEAVE CAIRO - 0630, ARRIVE TRIPOLI - 0930
OCTOBER 3-7 - CONSULTATIONS, TRIPOLI EMBASSY
OCTOBER 7 - LEAVE TRIPOLI - 1750, ARRIVE TUNIS 1750

OCTOBER 8-9 - CONSULTATION, TUNIS EMBASSY
OCTOBER 9 - LEAVE TUNIS - 1545 - ARRIVE ALGIERS 1550
OCTOBER 10-12 - CONSULTATIONS, ALGIERS EMBASSY
OCTOBER 13 - LEAVE ALGIERS - 1015, ARRIVE PARIS (ORLY)1315
OCTOBER 14 - CONSULTATIONS, PARIS EMBASSY (MELONE)
OCTOBER 14 - LEAVE PARIS (DEGAULLE) 1900,ARRIVELONDON2000
OCTOBER 15 - CONSULTATIONS, LONDON EMBASSY (KINSOLVING)
OCTOBER 16 - LEAVE LONDON - 1040 - ARRIVE DULLES - 1400

3. FOR TRIPOLI: REGRET SHORT NOTICE AND BREVITY OF VISIT.
IF POSSIBLE KING WOULD LIKE SOME IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL SUCH
AS BENGHAZI, POSSIBLY ONE-WAY BY ROAD WITH SIDE TRIP TO
OIL COMPANY INSTALLATION, RETURNING TO TRIPOLI BY AIR.
IN ADDITION MFA, SHE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON SEVERAL WELL-
INFORMED DIPLOMATS (INCLUDING BRITISH AND FRENCH) AND
REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN.

4. FOR TUNIS: REGRET BREVITY BUT HOPE THERE WILL BE TIME
TO PROVIDE A FEEL FOR TUNISIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE
AS WELL AS LIBYAN/TUNISIAN RELATIONS.

5. FOR ALGIERS: BECAUSE KING HAS BACKUP RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR ALGERIAN DESK SHE WILL WANT TO TALK TO ECONOMIC,
COMMERCIAL, CONSULAR OFFICERS IN ADDITION TO HAVING
POLITICAL BRIEFING. UNDERSTAND VISIT COMES DURING ALGIERS
INTERNATIONAL FAIR WHEN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TIGHT.
ARE EMBASSY GUEST QUARTERS AVAILABLE?

6. FOR RABAT: REGRET THAT NEED FOR EARLY RETURN TO
WASHINGTON AND TIMING OF AIRLINE SCHEDULES APPEARS PRECLUDE
VISIT TO RABAT. SHOULD SITUATION CHANGE WILL INFORM YOU
ASAP.

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7. ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES: PLEASE MAKE SINGLE HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS AS INDICATED BY SCHEDULE PARAGRAPH 2. IF
POSTS NEED URGENT ITEMS HAND CARRIED MRS. KING WOULD BE
GLAD TO BE HELPFUL. ROBINSON

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